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Air Display at SOFIA

On 22nd September, 1957 a public Air Display was held at
VRAZHDEBNA airfield SOFIA.

2. Attached as Appendix 'A' is a copy of the programme

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CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE VOLUNTARY(DOSO)DAY OF AIR SPORTSPROGRAMME FOR THE AIR DISPLAY AT THE VRAZHEDENA AIRFIELD22nd September, 1957.

The Air Display is organised by the CC of DOSO with the participation of the Air Force.

Before the opening of the Air Display aircraft modellers will show demonstrative flights of various aircraft models.

Opening of the Air Display at 10.A.M. on 22nd September, 1957.

1. The opening of the Display will begin with an Po-2 aircraft carrying the national flag of the People's Republic of Bulgaria at a height of 100 m.
2. A Po-2 aircraft tows a "Gulub" glider with a slogan - "Glory to the BCP" at a height of 100 m.

PART I.Air demonstrations of gliders and sports propeller aircraft organisedby DOSO

Conducted by Lieut. Colonel Ivanov.

A. Gliders

A group flight of 15 gliders towed by 8 aircraft fly at a height of 400 m. and do the following display:-

- (i) Two "Gulub" gliders flown by the worker Krum Toshev and the employee Dimitar Baksanov are set free from towing over the heads of the audience, they make a couple of spirals and then land.

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- (ii) Three UR-1 gliders headed by the Master of Sport Nikola Kurlezhov and the other two flown by the mechanic Georgi Kotsev and the technician Emilian perform figures, form a column and by means of spirals and screws lose height and then land.
- (iii) Eight gliders of the "Zlin" type, headed by a Master of Sport Kiril Tonev and the others flown by Toshko Raev (turner of the "Voroshilov" works), Slavcho Stankov (worker), and Angel Blagoev (metallurgist), Pencho Petkov (instructor), Penka Vulchanova (instructor), Dochka Hristova (employee), and the Master of Sport Aleksander Rusev are disconnected from the aircraft at a height of 800 m. perform left and right spiral, a screw, form a column, make a raid on the grand stand, and with a turn begin to land one after the other.
- (iv) Two gliders of the "Lunel" type flown by Master of Sport Georgi Petrov and Roza Georgieva (an employee) are released at an altitude of 1000 m. and perform figures of stunt flying, make a raid down to 5 m. from the ground, and with a turn are directed for landing.

B. Aircraft

- (i) Seventeen Laz-7M aircraft, Bulgarian made by Engineer Lazarov, parade groups of five aircraft with the following heads:- First Group...Instructor Terziev
Second " ...Student Angelov
Third " ...Employee Georgiev
Head of Group two - Engineer Popganchev, they fly at an altitude of 300 m. after which they perform an upward spiral and figures of eight in a rear column by one plane, up to an altitude of 1300 m., and then a/

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a downward spiral and figures of '8' to a height of 200 m.

- (ii) Engineer Petko Popganchev, Veteran of our Airforce, performs stunt flying on an Laz-7M aircraft at a low height, slow rolling and reverse flying.
- (iii) Tsvetana Bogdanova, a student in Russian philology, from a height of 1200 m. performs figures of stunt flying: looping, rolling, Imelmann, turning "through the wing", etc.
- (iv) Instructors Aleksi Hristov and Zahari Zahariev perform group loopings on Laz-7M aircraft from a height of 1200 m.
- (v) Instructors Georgi Terziev, Tsonko, Pavlov and Marko Peichev perform group figure flights from a height of 1200 m. on Laz-7M aircraft.

PART IIAir Display by Jet Aircraft of the Airforce.

Conducted by Colonel Simeonov.

- (i) Captain Tsekov (airforce officer 1st class) performs aerobatics with a jet aircraft from a height of 300 m. Imelmann, vertical figure '8', looping, Imelmann with an ascending rolling, lying vertical figure '8' and "candle".
- (ii) Lieut. Colonel Kaludov (airforce officer 1st class) with a jet aircraft performs aerobatics at a height of 300 m: vertical figure '8', vertical lying '8' with three rollings, on an ascending straight line, rolling with Imelmann, vertical lying '8' with rolling and ascending and descending straight line, double battle turn, sharp looping with Imelmann and three rollings, /

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rollings, "candle" and taking up a great speed at a height of 50 m. and leaving the airfield.

- (iii) A group of 9 jet aircraft in a column of "threes" of the group of Captain Nedev (airforce officer 2nd Class) fly over the audience at a height of 300 m.
- (iv) A flight of jet aircraft. Three aircraft headed by Major Kovachev (airforce officer 1st class), perform figure flying - a fan.
- (v) Three jet aircraft in a column fly over the audience at low height and great speed.

PART IIIParachuting demonstrations by DOSO

Instructor: Master of Sport Navushtanov.

- (i) The parachutists Masters of Sport Miodrag Kostich, Emanuil Georgiev and Bogdan Katsarov perform a double jump from a passenger aircraft from an altitude of 1500 m.
- (ii) A group jump by 8 parachutists with delaying the opening of the parachute from 10 to 20 seconds from a height of 1500 m.
- (iii) An altitude jump from a height of 3500 m performed by Asen Sharkov (Distinguished Master of Sport), Prodanov (Senior Inspector), Kiril Zahariev (Distinguished Master of Sport) of the Burgas Aero Club, and Engineer Kiril Vodenicharov, delaying the opening of the parachutes for 50 sec.

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- (iv) Free acrobatic jumps by Yugoslav and Roumanian parachutists.
- (v) Mass parachute landing from three transport aircraft from a height of 800 m.

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